

REMARKS

Upon entering the above amendments to the claims, claims 1-25 will be pending in this application and are presented for examination. Claims 1, 8 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. Claim 8 has been amended to provide a complete list of preferred substituents for radical Ar when radical Ar is a substituted phenyl. This amendment finds support in the specification at page 7, lines 6-14 and page 10, line 20 to page 11, line 8.

Support for amendments to the specification can be found in claim 8 and 9 as filed, as well as in the specification at page 11, lines 7-8, where phenyl rings substituted with  $-OPO_3H_2$  are exemplified.

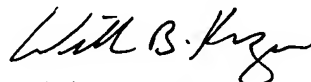
Applicants believe no new matter is present in this or any other portion of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request examination of the present application without delay.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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